THE MINISTER OF STAE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) to (d) The existing rail lines in Madhya Pradesh serve some of the tribal areas through which they pass. Besides, the following new line projects are under progress in Madhya Pradesh, parts of which will also pass through tribal areas :

S. No.	Name of Project	Length (km)	% age progress upto March 1989
1.	Guna –Etawah	343	11.89
2.	Satna –Rewa	50	27.71
3.	Kota –Chittaurgarh –Nimach . . . . . (16 km in Madhya Pradesh)	222	85.00
4.	Godhra –Dahod –Indore & Dewas –Maksi . . . (216 Km in Madhya Pradesh)	316	(included in 89-90 Budget

Undertaking to Supreme Court regarding staff of Akbar Hotel

1850. SHRI KAILASH PATI MISHRA : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government had given an undertaking to the Supreme Court that the entire ex-ITDC staff of Akbar Hotel would be absorbed in Ministries and ITDC hotels;

(b) whether 137 members of Ex-ITDC staff of Akbar hotel taken on the rolls of M.E.A. since 1986 are still being denied their due salaries and allowances and have not yet been absorbed as regular employees ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL) : (a) During the course of hearing of the writ filed by the employees of Akbar Hotel in 1986 in the Supreme Court, a statement was made on behalf of ITDC and the Ministry of External Affairs that all the employees of the erstwhile Akbar Hotel had been offered alternative employment in the ITDC and the Ministry of External Affairs. The case was dismissed by the Supreme Court on 20-01-1988.

(b) Of the 137 employees, nine were taken back by the ITDC and the services of two employees were terminated by the Ministry of External Affairs on disciplinary grounds. The remaining employees are continuing on *ad-hoc* basis. They have been given their last pay drawn in ITDC including 5 D.A. instalments between 01-7-1986 to 01-07-1988. They have also been given bonus in 1987 and 1988 .

The question of creation of posts for regularisation of the employees is under process in the Ministry of External Affairs.

Japanese expertise for storage and retrieval of Cultural heritage

1851. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether India has sought Japanese expertise in storage and retrieval of cultural heritage material; and

(b) if so, what are the details hereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L. P. SHAHI) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts (IGNCA), an autonomous body set up by the Government of India, has proposed to invite Dr. Sugita Shigeharu, an expert of the National Museum of Ethnology, Osaka, Japan, for a period of four weeks for training the staff of the institution in documentation techniques for computerised image storage and retrieval of cultural heritage material. The assignment of Dr. Sugita as a training consultant is being arranged with UNESCO assistance.

Freedom of Namibia

1852. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have urged UN to take fresh initiative for the freedom of Namibia ; and

(b) if so, what is the outcome thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH) : (a) and (b) Government are monitoring closely the implementation of the plan approved by the United Nations for the independence of Namibia.

बाज्जिका लोक साहित्य का प्रकाशन

1853. श्री रजनी रंजन साहू : क्या **मानव संसाधन विकास** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि केन्द्रीय हिन्दी संस्थान, महत्वपूर्ण और लोकोपयोगी पुस्तकों का प्रकाशन करता है ;

(ख) क्या यह सच है कि हिन्दी विभाग, गोरखपुर कालेज, बस्ती, गोपालगंज, बिहार के प्रो० श्री रंग शाही ने बाज्जिका लोक साहित्य पर अध्ययन कार्य किया है और केन्द्रीय हिन्दी संस्थान के अध्यक्ष, माननीय शिक्षा व संस्कृति राज्य मंत्री से भी बाज्जिका लोक साहित्य के प्रकाशन हेतु आर्थिक सहायता मांगी है ; और

(ग) क्या सरकार बाज्जिका लोक साहित्य का प्रकाशन करने की संस्तुति को स्वीकार करना चाहती है ?

मानव संसाधन विकास राज्य मंत्री (शिक्षा और संस्कृति विभागों में राज्य मंत्री (श्री एल० पी० शाही) : (क) जी हां।

(ख) और (ग) अंग्रेजी सहित हिन्दी तथा अन्य भारतीय भाषाओं में प्रकाशन के लिये वित्तीय सहायता की योजना के अन्तर्गत संगठनों/व्यक्तियों से प्राप्त प्रस्तावों पर गुणावगुण के आधार पर विचार किया जाता है। तथापि, प्रोफेसर श्री रंग शाही को इस योजना के अन्तर्गत अपनी पुस्तक के लिये वित्तीय सहायता देने के लिये प्रस्ताव भेजने की सलाह दी गयी है ।

समुद्र तटों पर होटलों का निर्माण

1854. श्री विश्वासराव रामराव पाटिल : क्या **नागर विमानन और पर्यटन** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार ने समुद्र तटों पर होटलों के निर्माण के लिए समुद्र की उच्च ज्वार रेखा की दूरी की सीमा को 500 मीटर से घटाकर 200 मीटर करने का निर्णय लिया है ;

(ख) यह छूट दिए जाने के क्या कारण हैं ;